

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI TO ACCEPT OVER 7,000 LETTERS FROM STUDENTS WHO OPPOSE THE CSU FEE HIKE

SACRAMENTO - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi will accept more than 7,000 letters on Wednesday from California State University students who are fighting against another fee increase. As a CSU Trustee, Garamendi has opposed fee hikes as an unfair tax on students and a dangerously shortsighted move that places the quality of California's workforce in jeopardy.

"It is critical that we invest in our students and ensure that they can afford a college education," said Garamendi. "California's continued leadership and success depend upon our ability to adequately prepare our students to address the future needs of our state."

The CSU students will be joined by representatives from the California Faculty Association, who will be at the Capitol urging members of the Legislature and the Governor to include funds in the state budget that would make the 10% fee increase unnecessary. The fee hike is set to begin for the 2007/08 school year.

WHO: Lt. Governor John Garamendi
California Faculty Association
About 100 CSU students

WHEN: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2007
WHERE: State Capitol, West Steps

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